

Remarks/Arguments:

Amendments

A new Abstract has been provided. A clean version of this Abstract is on page 9 of this paper.

Claims 1-8 and claims 19-29, drawn to unelected inventions, have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more separate divisional applications.

The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicants regard as the invention by amending "detergent" to "composition" throughout the claims. If necessary, support for this amendment is found on page 8, lines 13-15. Where necessary, the claims have been amended to change dependency. Claim 9 has been canceled, and claim 10 rewritten in independent form. Support for the amendments to claim 10 is found in original claim 9; on page 3, lines 10-11; and on page 8, lines 18-22. Support for the amendment to claim 13 is found on page 6, lines 17-21. Support for new claims 30 and 31 is found on page 3, lines 24-25. Support for new claims 32 and 33 is found on page 5, lines 12-20.

It is submitted that no new matter is introduced by these amendments and new claims.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants affirm the election of the claims of Group II, claims 9-18. Claims 1-8 and claims 19-29, drawn to unelected inventions, have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more separate divisional applications.

Rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph

Claims 9-18 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. In particular, it was asserted that the specification was not enabling for all types of extracted plant material or for all types of articles.

Claim 9 has been cancelled, and claim 10, the only independent claim remaining in the application, has been amended to recite "material extracted from the fruit of a plant of the genus *Garcinia*" and "the article comprises ceramic, copper, brass, stainless, steel, aluminum, or plastic." It is submitted that this ground for rejection has been overcome.

Rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

Claims 9-18 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In particular, it was asserted that it was unclear whether the cleaning was done using a detergent (*i.e.*, surfactant) in combination with the extracted material or whether the extracted material is considered to be the detergent.

As indicated on page 8, lines 13-15, the extracted material is considered to be the detergent. Claim 9 has been canceled. The claims have been amended, where necessary, to remove reference to a "detergent." Claim 10, the only independent claim remaining in the application, recites "a composition comprising material extracted from the fruit of a plant of the genus *Garcinia*." It is submitted that this ground for rejection has been overcome.

First Rejection under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 9, 11-13, and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by McCormick, U.S. Patent 3,544,365 ("McCormick").

Claim 9 has been canceled. Claim 10, which was not rejected as anticipated by McCormick, has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 11-13 and 16 now depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 10. It is submitted that this ground for rejection has been overcome.

Second Rejection under 35 USC 102(b)

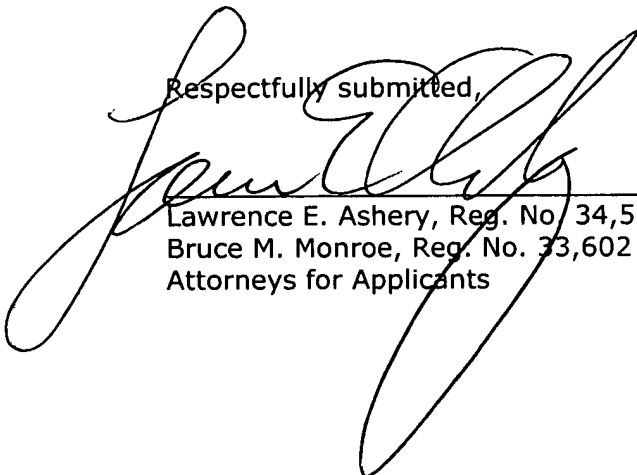
Claims 9 and 13-16 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Duckett, U.S. Patent 6,341,612 ("Duckett").

Claim 9 has been canceled. Claim 10, which was not rejected as anticipated by Duckett, has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 13-16 now depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 10. It is submitted that this ground for rejection has been overcome.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to phone Applicants' attorney if it is believed that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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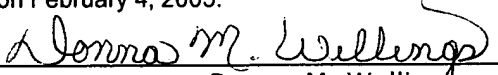
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